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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/821,843

Applicants: Masashi GOTO, et al.

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For: FILM-FORMING METHOD, METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING DISPLAY DEVICE, AND

DISPLAY DEVICE Group Art Unit: 2812 Examiner: GEYER, S. B.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

## **Election of Species**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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## **ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 11, 2006, Applicants elect with traverse, species 1, corresponding to Claims 1-13 and 18 of the present application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding election of species requirement

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on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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